

## **Lee Cooperman's Presidential Platform**

1. Get out of Iraq and Afghanistan. Provide every returning soldier with a free four year college education or trade school of their choice.
2. Set up a peace time WPA effort to channel a portion of the saving into rebuilding US infrastructure.
3. Unleash the domestic energy industry to develop domestic energy supplies and reserves. This will create employment and reduce our dependency on foreign suppliers.
4. Government spending should be limited to a growth rate at least 1% below the level of nominal GDP growth.
5. Freeze entitlements and raise the social security retirement age to 70 with an exception of those that work at hard labor.
6. 10% income tax surcharge for three years on those that earn over \$500,000 per year.
7. 5% VAT tax to get at the underground economy and deal with the deficit.
8. Tackle health care in a serious way.
9. Reinstate the "Up-Tick" rule for short sales, ban or curtail High Frequency trading and limit CDS trading to those that own the underlying bonds. The high frequency traders are turning the best capital market in the world into a casino and scaring the public. This is not in the public interest.